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**Federal Communications Commission
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau


**Re: Section 63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. for
Discontinuance of Telecommunications Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the Application of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. for authority to discontinue its provision of telecommunications services.

Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the prepaid envelope provided. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


John T. Nakahata
Darah S. Franklin

Counsel to Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.

cc: Service List (Exhibit B)
Jerry Holt, MTI (via e-mail)
EK Chinwah, MTI (via e-mail)

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of)
Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.)
) File No. _____
for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)
Communications Act to Discontinue)
Telecommunications Services)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF MIDWESTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("Midwestern Telecom" or "MTI"), by its counsel, hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of resold wireline local telephone services.

The impact on the public of the planned discontinuance will be minimal because there are only approximately 2,380 customers currently using the services to be discontinued. All affected customers have a wide range of other choices from which to obtain local telephone services, including the incumbent local exchange carrier in each area.

In support of its Application, Midwestern Telecom provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.
P.O. Box 590
Oak Forest, IL 60452

A copy of correspondence concerning this Application should be directed to:

John T. Nakahata
Darah S. Franklin
Wiltshire & Grannis LLP
1200 Eighteenth Street, NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 730-1320
jnakahata@wiltshiregrannis.com
dfranklin@wiltshiregrannis.com

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2); (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, effective on or after February 20, 2012, MTI will discontinue its service.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization, MTI will discontinue service in Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan Ohio, and South Carolina.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The affected services are resold wireline local telephone services. Specifically, MTI provides wireline telecommunications services to customers by reselling the service of the incumbent local exchange carrier, in most cases, AT&T.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §63.71(a), Midwestern Telecom has notified all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. Specifically, MTI sent notification letters via first class U.S. Mail to each of the affected residential customers on January 5, 2012, and to each of the affected business customers on January 18, 2012. In the notice letters, MTI provided customers with a toll-free number to an MTI customer service representative to answer any questions regarding the letters. Sample notification letters for each state in which service is to be discontinued is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utility commission for each impacted state, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Secretary of Defense. A service list is attached to this Application as Exhibit B.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

Midwestern Telecom is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the proposed discontinuance of service on or before February 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



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Suite 1200
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(202) 730-1320

Counsel to Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.

January 19, 2012

EXHIBIT A

SAMPLE CUSTOMER NOTICES



**MIDWESTERN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ensley, AL 35208

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Alabama certificate of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in Alabama. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of Alabama.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact an MTI customer service representative at (877)567-3722.

Sincerely,

Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.



MIDWESTERN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
LOS ANGELES, CA 90043

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its California certificate of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in California. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of California.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, FL 32208

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Florida certificate of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in Florida. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of Florida.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60620

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 6, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Illinois certificate of service authority and terminate its operations in Illinois. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 6, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of Illinois.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact an MTI customer service representative at (877) 567-3722.

Sincerely,
Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.



**MIDWESTERN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Gary, IN 46409

15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective March 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Indiana certificate of territorial authority and terminate its operations in Indiana. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, March 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

For your benefit, please be further advised that:

- The last date of guaranteed service from MTI is March 5, 2012.
- The address and telephone number of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission is:

PNC Center
101 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 E
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
1-800-851-4268

- The address and telephone number of the Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor is:

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
PNC Center
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
1-888-441-2494

- MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will all telephone services offered by MTI in the State of Indiana.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact an MTI customer service representative at (877)567-3722.

Sincerely,
Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.



Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.



Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Dear Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. Customer:

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your telephone company. Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") has made the difficult decision to cease operations in the State of Michigan. Effective January 31, 2012, we will discontinue the provision basic local exchange and toll services in Michigan.

**YOUR PHONE SERVICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED AND YOUR TELEPHONE
DISCONNECTED ON JANUARY 31, 2012 UNLESS YOU CHOOSE ANOTHER CARRIER**

Affected customers, including lifeline customers, may call MTI at 1-877-567-3722 for assistance in selecting a new carrier, or you may call any telecommunications carrier offering local exchange service in their community. A list of telecommunications providers is located in the local telephone directory. If you are a lifeline customer, make sure your new provider offers you lifeline service.

Any person affected by this discontinuance is permitted to submit comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") within 60 days to determine if the discontinuance is authorized pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act. Comments may be filed by First Class Mail or by Electronic Mail. Comments filed by First Class Mail should be sent to Executive Secretary, MPSC, Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Comments filed by E-Mail may be submitted to the Commission at mpscefilecases@michigan.gov. All comments should reference Case No. U-16946. A copy of any comments filed must also be sent to Midwestern's Michigan attorneys, Roderick Coy and Haran Rashes, Clark Hill PLC, 212 East Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906. If filed by E-mail, send a copy by E-mail to hrashes@clarkhill.com.

Thank you once again for allowing us to have provided your telephone service in Michigan.

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MIDWESTERN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SALEM, OH 44460

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwest Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Ohio certificate of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in Ohio. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of Ohio.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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15426 S. 70th Court
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-679-5000
Fax 708-756-7731

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 5, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its South Carolina certificate of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in South Carolina. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 5, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the State of South Carolina.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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Orland Park, IL 60462
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Fax 708-756-7731

January 18, 2012

Ray Giarud
Kindercare Learning Center
650 NE Holladay St
Suite 1400
Portland OR 97232

Dear MTI Customer:

Effective February 18, 2012 (unless required by law to extend that date), Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. ("MTI") will voluntarily surrender its Alabama, Illinois, Florida, California, Georgia, Ohio, South Carolina and Mississippi certificates of authority to serve as a local exchange company and terminate its operations in the aforementioned states; excluding Indiana and Michigan who have until March 18, 2012. We are providing you with this notice so that you may arrange for continued service with a new service provider. If you wish to continue to receive communications service, you must contact the communications service provider of your choice for new service. If you fail to choose a new communications service provider on or before the date of MTI's cessation of operations, February 18, 2012, you will be without telephone service.

MTI's address is:

MTI
PO Box 590
Oak Forest IL 60452

This discontinuance will affect all telephone services, whether prepaid or monthly billed, offered by MTI anywhere in the States of Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Florida, California, Georgia, Ohio, South Carolina and Mississippi.

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Sincerely,

Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.

EXHIBIT B
SERVICE LIST

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Darah S. Franklin, hereby certify that on this 19th day of January 2012, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. to Discontinue Service by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following parties:

Mr. Walter Thomas, Jr., Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
100 N. Union Street, Suite 850
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Governor Robert Bentley
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

TD Coordinator
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Governor John Kasich
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Governor Mitch Daniels
200 W. Washington St., Rm. 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Ms. Elizabeth Rolando, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
572 East Capital Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Governor Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Ms. Brandy Darlington, Tariff Administrator
Indiana Regulatory Commission
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street, Suite E306
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Governor Richard Scott
Office of the Governor
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Ms. Robin Acona, Director
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7804

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, St 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

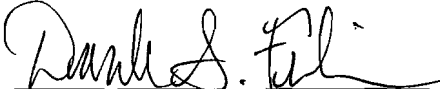
Ms. Renee Jenkins, Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Mr. Charles Terrini, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Bldg. 101
Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Governor Rick Snyder
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301


Darah S. Franklin